3rd May 1948]

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"(a) The Stationery Stores is now located in a rented building at 'Narasunagar,' Guindy, and has been there since June 1942.

		RS.	
"(b) Annual rent	... ...	9,720	per annum
Transport charges	... ...	12,000	,,
Other expenses [a]	... ...	18,280	,,
Total	...	40,000	

	RS.
Conveyance allowance of Assistant Superintendent of Stationery	600
Pay of Gurkha watchmen	1,476
Pay of cycle messenger	864
Season ticket	2,100
Extra coolie charges	10,752
One temporary upper division clerk ...	1,332
Extra postage	1,156
Total ...	18,280

"(c) The stores has its own special premises on First Line Beach. The store could not be taken back to its own premises as the latter is used by the Civil Supplies Department to store foodstuffs."

Increased rates of salaries and dearness allowance in the Elementary and Secondary Schools under local bodies.

* 90 *Q.*—SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM (on behalf of Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether all the municipalities and local bodies have given effect to Government Orders relating to increased rates of salaries and dearness allowances in Elementary and Secondary Schools;

(*b*) whether any representations have been received from these institutions expressing their inability to pay the increased rates owing to their poor financial resources:

(*c*) what action, if any, has been taken by Government: and

(*d*) whether the question of assisting these bodies with grants to the extent of the deficit caused on this account has been considered?

THE HON SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"(*a*) All the local bodies have introduced the revised scales of pay sanctioned by Goverment for teachers in the elementary

and secondary schools for local bodies. They are paying dearness allowance at the old rates. The question of allowing them to grant dearness allowance to their employees at the enhanced rates sanctioned for Government servants is under the consideration of Government.

"(b) The financial position of almost all the local bodies is unsatisfactory at present on account of the introduction of the revised scales of pay and the grant of dearness allowance.

"(c) & (d) To enable the local bodies to introduce the revised scale of pay for teachers in elementary schools, the Government have sanctioned the enhancement of the rate of education tax and have given advances wherever necessary. The Government are also giving subsidies wherever necessary towards the payment of dearness allowance.

Secondary schools.—To meet the extra cost involved in the introduction of the revised scale of pay for the staff in the secondary schools, the Government have sanctioned the payment of teaching grants on the basis of half the net cost of maintenance of these secondary schools in lieu of the fixed lump-sum subsidies paid hitherto. They have also sanctioned a grant on the same basis of half the net cost towards the expenditure incurred on payment of dearness allowance also. This has afforded the necessary financial relief with the result that the revised scales of pay have been adopted by all local bodies. The question of allowing the revised rates of dearness allowance is under consideration."

Curator of the Oriental Manuscripts Library.

* 91 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: With reference to answers to question No. 207 answered on the 18th December 1947, will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the rules relating to the appointment of the Curator of the Oriental Manuscripts Library have been amended and when it is proposed to give effect to the revised rules?

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"Yes. The amendment of the rules came into force from 4th February 1948.

"The former incumbent of the post who had only a working knowledge of Sanskrit has already been transferred and another officer who possesses an M.A. degree in Sanskrit by the second class appointed as Curator"

Schemes regarding smoked fish and cured fish.

* 92 *Q.*—Sri N. SANKARA REDDI (on behalf of Sri K. Manathunainatha Desigar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the reasons are for the failure of the schemes regarding smoked fish and cured fish; and